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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Statement of SS Oberfuehrer Hermann P I S T E R, Commanding Officer of Buchenwald Concentration Camp from January 1942 to 1945, made at Freising 1 August 1945.

Date: 1 August 1945 Original (x) Copy ( ) Language: German

If not English, is translation attached: Yes (x) No ( )

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 1 September 1945:

London, OCC

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

KALTENBRUNNER, Ernst

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADINGS (Key to Par. nos. of Summary below):

CONCENTRATION CAMPS: POLICE: RSHA; POLICE: Gestapo

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM; LEADS:

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. Except for mass shipments from concentration camps in occupied territories, all prisoners sent to Buchenwald were sent on orders of RSHA.

2. "These preventive arrest orders (red blanks) were in most cases signed with the name K A L T E N B R U N N E R. The few other preventive arrest orders were signed with F O E R S T E R".

3. When war destroyed Gestapo communications, individual Gestapo offices were authorized by the main security office to send in prisoners independently and to have the preventive arrest orders signed by the executive officer of the command headquarters.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

Freising, August 1, 1945

I, P i s t o r Herrmann, SS Oberfuehrer (SS brigadier general), born February 21, 1885, Commanding Officer of the Concentration camp B u c h e n w a l d, from January 1942 to April 1945, testify as follows:

With exception of the mass delivery of prisoners from the concentration camps of the occupied territory all prisoners were sent to the concentration camp Buchenwald by order of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (Main Security Office of the Reich) B e r l i n.

These orders for protective custody (red forms) were in most cases signed with the name "K a l t e n b r u n n e r". The few remaining protective custody orders were signed by "F o e r s t e r".

When the war conditions destroyed the contact between the Gestapo offices and the Main Security Office the individual Gestapo Offices were authorized by the Main Security Office to send in prisoners independently and to have the protective custody orders signed by the executive officer of the command headquarters.

Signed
Herrmann Pister.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION
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10 November 1945

I, E. GLAZIER, P/O W.R.N.S. 37371, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages; and that the above is a correct and true translation of Document No. L 38.

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Freising, le 1er Août 1945

Je soussigné, P i s t e r Hermann, SS-Oberführer, né le 21 Février 1885, Commandant du Camp de Concentration de BUCHENWALD du 22 Janvier 1942 à Avril 1945, déclare ce qui suit :

A l'exception des arrivages massifs de détenus venant des camps de concentration du territoire occupé, tous les détenus ont été envoyés au Camp de Buchenwald, sur ordre du Service Central de la Sureté du Reich, Berlin.

Ces mandats d'arrêt (formulaire rouge) étaient dans la plupart des cas signés du nom de "Kaltenbrunner". Les autres, en petit nombre, étaient signés "Förster".

Quand, par suite des circonstances de la guerre, la liaison entre les services de la Gestapo et le service Central de la Sûreté du Reich fut gênée, les différents services de la Gestapo furent autorisés par le Service Central de la Sûreté du Reich à procéder de leur propre chef à des internements et à faire signer des mandats d'arrêt par les chefs de service.

signé : PISTER, Hermann

Cette déclaration a été écrite par moi sur une page à la machine à écrire, à F r e i s i n g, (Allemagne), le 1er Août 1945, à 10 heures, volontairement et sans cintrainte aucune.

Je jure par le Dieu tout Puissant que je ne dirai rien que la vérité, que je ne dissimulerai rien et que je n'ajouterai rien.

signé : PISTER, Hermann.

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